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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SIEGLERSCHMIDT, Mr LEZZI, Mr AJELLO,
Mr HOLST and Lord KENNET on behalf of the
Socialist Group

Mr BERTRAND, Mr BERSANI and Mr JAHN on behalf
of the Christian-Democratic Group
(EPP Group)

Mr BORDU and Mr SANDRI on behalf of the Communist
and Allies Group

with request for urgent debate pursuant
to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

/ on the sentencing of the Tunisian trade unionists

PE 55.638

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the heavy sentences passed on the Tunisian trade unionists, and in particular those imposed on Mr Habib Achour, General Secretary of the UGTT and Vice-President of the ICFTU, and on Mr Aderrazak Ghorbal,
 - reaffirming that, under a democratic regime, social conflicts cannot be resolved by the use of arms and the imprisonment of trade unionists,
1. Asks that, as a gesture of clemency, an amnesty be declared and all political prisoners released;
 2. Recalls the need to preserve the basic freedoms and in particular trade union freedom, freedom of association and freedom of the press, to which all Tunisian citizens should have the right;
 3. Requests the Foreign Ministers of the Nine meeting in political cooperation to make jointly the diplomatic approaches necessary to secure the immediate release from jail of the trade unionists;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.